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I do not believe anything that comes from a federal agency, including the EPA's estimated budget and time frame for their Willamette River cleanup. I know we've had a problem with the river that's been going on for a long time. But, I also know the river contamination levels have dropped steadily over the past decade. Ignoring this information when planning cleanup procedures seems wrong. Engaging in a cleanup process that is highly likely to recontaminate the river and last for a decade or more is also wrong. Interrupting the shipping and disrupting the businesses in and around the Port of Portland would be deleterious for all of us.

The money this cleanup will cost would inevitably cause taxes to go up. I am retired, so higher taxes would affect me quite a bit. I wish that the EPA would just leave Portland alone. What they do with people's homes, like claiming them as wetlands areas and fining the owners, and the way they impose regulations and cause an increase in taxes is horrible, and I don't think they have our best interests at heart. Their plan should not exist if community support isn't there.

Regards,

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